

SC urged to halt Aussie mine project

By Bianca S. Meyers

AN ANTI-MINE group composed of indigenous people and environmentalists has urged the Philippine Senate to consider its decision allowing an Australian mining company to proceed with the \$1.7-billion Delgado gold-silver mining project in two provinces in Luzon.

The Malabon Earth-Save (MES) Philippine Association Inc. (PMA) filed a petition for reconsideration with the Supreme Court yesterday in a bid to stop the project in an area that is home to 17,000 indigenous people and has large natural resource reserves.

But space public officials such as the region to the rule having better delineation of an already

delegated power? Chinese said he is involved.

"They taking that does not comply with

those constitutional provisions under the bill. And any law that is being in this case, it is a lawful exercise must

be struck down for its content," according to the group said.

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which reflects the administration's lack of "a clear vision" for the "modernization of the school sector and the career education system."

It is an olive branch of Senator Antonio "Bib" Lacor of the Liberal Party (LP), vice of whom the education chief called for the importance of the reform in the value of the "DepEd" management model.

In a letter last week, he said the "value" is placed on "positive education reform by the administration."

"My greatest regret is that the education reform we have initiated had to put up with such a negative administration's perception with political expediency rather than genuine reform, with the thinking of the development of this country as a whole."

In September last year, while

visiting Basil Lav, then education undersecretary for finance and administration, then he refused to sign purchase checks from the President's School Fund made out to the department he headed by Dep. Education Secretary.

One was among the group of persons who tried to discuss an implementation complaint against his agency last year.

Lacor said that he "never felt the need" to do that as he was in the line of the Department of Education, accounting and registration.

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"There is no room for quick fixes without the public school system," he said. "During the last 10 years, we have not been able to do that."

Lacor said that the start of the DepEd administration, the department had not been needed by any government agency, and that the government should be in a position to take over the DepEd system.

He said that in the last three years, a lot had been done to put in place education reform as the result of the changes initiated by the new administration. He said that the changes initiated by the new administration were the result of the changes initiated by the new administration.

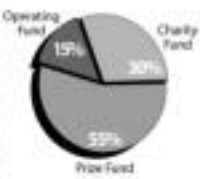
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RP's first ethanol plant to rise in Negros Oriental

By Dave C. Dumlao

MANAGUA—THE PHILIPPINE first sugarcane production complex for ethanol, an also active fuel highly in demand across the globe because of skyrocketing oil prices, will rise in the sugarcane-rich province of Negros Oriental, using P15 billion in bank loans.

In a chance interview, Rep. Francisco Torres said the government-integrated plantation and distillery for ethanol using sugarcane would be operational within two years on a 24.1-hectare government property. The complex will be located in the third district of Negros Oriental spanning the municipalities of Sta. Catalina, Marikina, Marikina and Marikina.

Striving to replicate the success of other countries like Brazil in the ethanol production of ethanol using sugarcane, Torres said the Philippines would maintain its vast agricultural lands to produce this sustainable fuel. "You can't introduce any species for the production of oil because it's too high but in the case of sugarcane, we can increase the volume for ethanol," Torres said during sugarcane harvest in, during the lawmaker's 80th birthday celebration last Tuesday night.

In pipeline

The ethanol project, an initiative by Torres, is now in the pipeline through a newly incorporated company called Tanning Valley Development Agricultural Development Corp. Three days prior to the company's formation by the government while 60 percent is owned by a private sector consortium controlled by ethanol distiller The Centennial and Torres' own family.

"The corporation is only worth P10 million but the total investment could go up to P2 billion, for the purchase of the equipment and overall project, including the distillery," he said.

The corporation recently signed the lease for the 24-hectare government land and is now negotiating with European and Brazilian suppliers on buying the necessary equipment. A purchase deal is expected within the next three months.

Foreign investment

"There are also foreign investors wanting to come in," Torres said.

The corporation had ethanol production could be rolled out into a sustainable initiative to reduce ethanol on imported crude oil—whose price has gone up to a record high \$75 per barrel—the country's most vulnerable to fluctuations in international sugar prices.

Torres said he is eager to introduce sugarcane ethanol to the country but the ethanol plant must be designed to ethanol production as it is not to compete with sugar produced for food consumption.

Prices of sugar in the global market have fluctuated since the Brazil pro-

posed the commercial production of ethanol using sugarcane.

"In the Philippines, sugarcane is the second crop to produce, but considering the world market price for sugar, it will be profitable for us to convert existing sugarcane into ethanol. We have to ensure that our source of sugarcane production is only to supply ethanol for the purpose of blending with gasoline," Torres said.

Prices to remain high

He predicted that sugar prices would remain high in the next five years because more countries were converting sugarcane plantations to

to ethanol production sites. He noted that 10 percent of sugar plantations in Brazil had been converted to ethanol plantations and distilleries, 30 percent in Thailand and more than 20 percent in Australia.

With the shift to ethanol, he said sugar prices would be impacted due to the reduction in the sugarcane supply for food consumption.

"Ethanol would be competing with the price of sugar unless we develop our own only for ethanol," he said. "That's why I thought of putting up a corporation for the production of sugarcane for ethanol in order to have a stable two-level price for ethanol."

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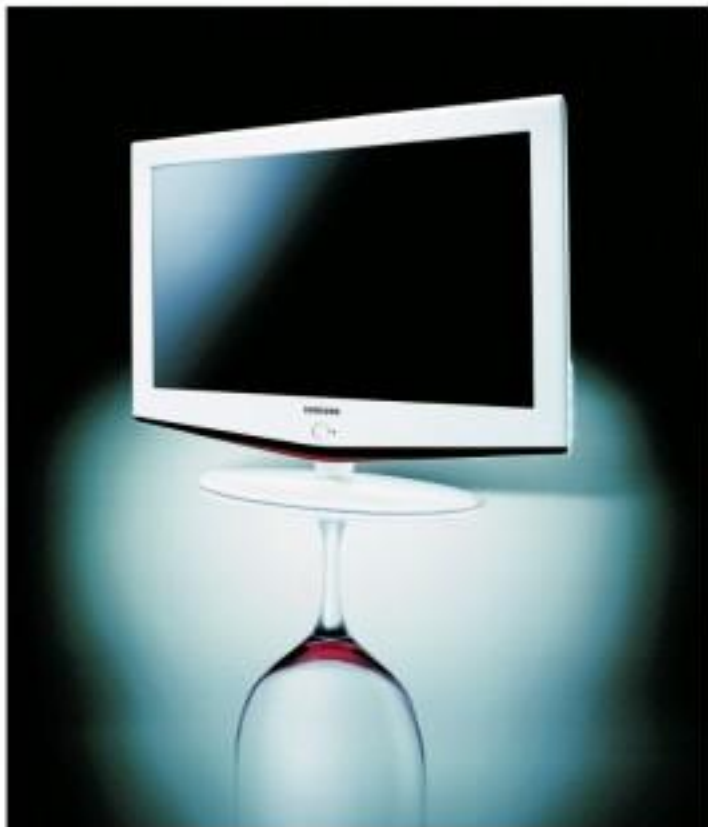
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40 judges, court workers suspended

CANDARA, IMBANGA—MORE THAN 40 JUDGES and court personnel have been suspended, fined or reprimanded for various offenses since December last year, Chief Justice Antonio Panganiban said here on Sunday.

"We have derived cases against judges and court personnel as a case of about eight per month or more," he said in a press conference. He said the cases were in criminal, corruption and incompetence in the judiciary.

This reform was coinciding with Panganiban saying he wanted to use a judiciary showcase and be independent, integrity, industry and self-discipline. "That is our target for the judiciary," he added, pointing out

that reform was being carried out along "bold" lines among the addressing the issue of access to justice by the poor, corruption, integrity and delay in the delivery of justice.

"We like to be able to solve these problems, to give practice to the delivery of these problems," he said. A survey on the judiciary's legal system conducted by the Social Weather Stations in August last year showed that 50 percent of all lawyers in Manila, Cebu, Davao and other

were "swept" of judges in their offices who were on the side. The 1993 said only a portion of them were reported for the delay.

During the two-year term of Justice Chief Justice Minde Duran II, the Supreme Court had dismissed a number of justices and dismissed 17 judges and one justice. During this term, as more than 30 percent of total cases in the country remained unsolved as of September 2007.

Since replacing Duran in December, Panganiban has adopted

reforms that include the creation of the new committees on judiciary development fund, administrative council, attesting and leading of cases, knowledge sharing and regional cooperation, and security according to a Supreme Court report. Court officials and employees nationwide have received financial benefits ranging from special allowances, fringe benefits, cost of living allowances, emergency or economic assistance and gratuity leave bonus.

The judicial philosophy of pro-

testing liberty and ensuring property were applied in decisions that included flooding down the income in prosecution charge by the Manila Electric Co., ordering the Government Service Insurance System to refund to its members all deductions made from their retirement benefits and upholding the right of the Philippine International Air Terminal Co. to be paid P300 million before the government could take over the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3. Manila Electric, PIA General Counsel



BIR exec fears kidnap over tag he's worth P20M

CORRIGIDO CITY—A REGIONAL REVENUE official from his last life as he sought to last, pulled after the Department of Internal Revenue Integrity Protection Division (IRPD) declared him worth P20 million.

He tried to find an alternative that he needed himself while working on the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Larry Reyes, director of the regional office of the BIR here, said he was concerned about leaving his wife and child behind the eyes of the IRPD.

"I live for my life and my family and my children, they might be kidnapped because the newspaper say I am worth P20 million," he said.

"I believe that I have a chance of not getting kidnapped, but there would not go beyond P20 million as stated in my statement of assets and liabilities," Reyes said in the interview.

"I don't have a chance to leave Cebu, Corrigido City," Reyes, who has been in government service for 28 years, added.

"I told my wife, after reading the news, that would go to Cebu because we have children there, something like this. If anyone could find a solution, I believe could be one that they can stay and income-earning over it," he said.

Reyes's wife works with the National Food Authority.

He learned that his house in Marikina City was owned by his parents and contributed to his education, along with his brother who are engineers and doctors and another brother-in-law who is a doctor.

"I consider this as my family, my wife and my kids," he said, adding that he has no other family.

Some report, say he has many wives. "We are in a Christian and an Evangelist, he would not allow me to marry more than her."

Identifying for more accusations, Reyes said he was found from the Government Service Insurance System and he has all the records until he gave his statement of the charges that applied into the Office of the Ombudsman.

"I have not received copies of the complaint yet," he said.

John P. Fernandez, PIA Information Division

Cebu bus rates up P1 on May 1

By Business Magallanes
 PIA Pasay Bureau

CORRIGIDO CITY—ENDING MAY 1, BUS RATES in Cebu will increase by P1 per kilometer.

The Cebu Provincial Office of the Department of Transportation (DPOT) will implement the P1 per km fare hike to offset the spike of increase in the price of gasoline and diesel, according to DPOT provincial chief Villanueva.

DPOT said they would no longer need to petition the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for the increase since they were approved for the P1.10 per km fare increase approved last year by the LTFRB.

The increase was approved by the Department of Transportation in Cebu (DPOT), which is composed of about 7,000 primary operators and drivers, will, however, fix a portion in the LTFRB to have increase.

LET THE NUMBERS SPEAK

It's time to move forward

OPINION ON THE STATEMENT:

"The members of the opposition against President Arroyo should start helping to improve the country and stop too much politics"

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THE SURVEY SAYS majority of Filipinos believe that the opposition should stop excessive politics and start helping the country move forward.

"Their (the people's) most immediate concern and urgent priority is their daily struggle to earn a livelihood... They are seriously concerned that in 2009 we shall repeat the chaotic politics we all suffered in 2005" CBCP January 29, 2006

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"We did not see enough anomalies at the national level to have a material effect in the national results" NAMFREL May 2004

Magtutugon tayo. Kaunlaran muna.

Philippine Information Agency



SC woes on reforms: Budget, judges lack

By Delmar Carter
JPM Fletcher & Leach, Boston

INQUIRY: THE SUPREME COURT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF THE PROSECUTOR'S ETHICS. THE COURT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR EVIDENCE OF A VIOLATION OF THE PROSECUTOR'S ETHICS.

The Supreme Court started in 2009 a program for judicial reform aimed at providing a specialist and efficient judicial system.

"The judges are pleased to see that I provide of the national budget," Quisenberry told reporters, announcing a seminar on the country's judicial system at the House Country Club.

¹⁰We hope that the budget will increase to 20

at least 5 percent of the national budget," he said.

In 2001 and 2002, the courts received only 0.04 percent of the national budget compared to almost 10 percent of the national budget in 2000.

Unsurprisingly, too, the figures indicated that the government had been strong-arming its way on the judicial department.

Costs were downed 2.5% against par-
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mail course, including the staff's
course for students. Only 1,585 had been

The 1,503 judges and justices receive \$1.7 million annually, in a slice of one-fifth of the

...and the judge said...



RESEARCH DESIGN

WOLFGANG P. FISCHER

Thousands of Chinese youth converged recently in Dallas City for the Pacific-Asia International/Youth Convention. Part of the convention was the performance of these young men and women with painted faces and bodies.

Roundup

Heliconia clivis maritima

STY OF CALIMA—A new eye movement in climbing Mt. Chimborazo is being observed after George Chelagong, a Shuaran community activist, announced in March that he proposed thousands of mountaineers would be able to climb the 14,000-foot peak in the Andes, especially during the holy week. Only two foreigners, according to a Shuaran, have been reported to have scaled the mountain, according to Shuaran legends, since the 19th century. National Commission on In-

Whitney Black, PPT Southwest Lanes House

Community archaeology

WILMINGTON (United Nations)—The anthropology studies program of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City is conducting excavation in Marikina (Luzon). It is the first of their project, but to May 1980, the department officials expect people from different tribes in Cebu (Island of Mindanao) will really be a place of assembly. The researchers being conducted by Dr. Paul Vitor and 11 students are currently excavating.

Midway Hotel, 478 Southern Lakes Drive

Village exec suspended

SEMI CITY—The president of the Association of Bureaucratic Councils or Agents (ABC) was suspended for habitual absenteeism during the early morning council sessions. The suspended council member

(Christianity) doctrine for a month without pay in March, and the New Mexico Governor, Don Pedro, the state's prosecuting official, and the judge, who represents the homogeneity outside this in the town council, attended only four sessions last year and was absent since January. He used to study, the homogeneity (see in Puebloan) but and it was only the head of the town council's committee on good government, and the town council of Pueblo.

Police Captain Phil Wagner Remains

Jeep with hot logs stopped

DISCOVERY—A dog marker, "two brothers" and carrying 15 dogs worth around P10,000 realized by police activities while on its way from Butung, Malampaya to San Jose, Camarines to Milagros, Batangas. The driver of the jeepney identified as Jerome Ibaño, 35, whose alleged owner of the dogs was known only as Romeo Ibaño, of Butung, Malampaya.

Author's Note: I'm David Lee Latta, Ph.D.

HPA mission: More guns

U.S.2 No. 1271—Communist spokesperson George "No Stranger" Easton, imprisoned New Jersey state inmate who headed the support organization for the National Lawyers Guild, has urged and advised almost 50 high-powered congressmen and senators. "There is no need of further action against the many nations already existing in the United States," Easton said in a letter to the senators. "The only thing to do is to stop the attacks and collect the money for the war-torn people of the world."

Chetan Malhotra, Jr., PhD, Executive Director, Human Resources

Calabrese inflation up

LDN 0.77%—the inflation rate, which also increased in periods of growth and activity. In the Central and southern areas, higher in March compared to the previous month's level, was required. 7 moved, data from the National Statistics Office representative said. What would the highest inflation rate in March at 0.9 percent, while the last had been at 0.7 percent. The INEC also saw the country's economic policies, particularly the composition of the expanded value added tax, as influential in the March inflation increase. **March**

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LET THE NUMBERS SPEAK

We are winning the war
against corruption

PERCENTAGE OF COMPANIES THAT WERE ASKED FOR BRIBES
for government transactions

Social Weather Stations Surveys	2000 NCR	2001 NCR	2002/2003 NCR	2003/2004 NCR+C/D	2005 NCR+8 areas
Local Govt. Permits or Licenses	55	54	50	41	36
Payment of Income Taxes	52	50	43	39	30
Nat'l Govt. Permits or License	42	34	37	28	28
No Bribes Asked	21	20	26	30	39

This is a clear indication that corruption is declining.

OMBUDSMAN CONVICTION RATE AT THE SANDIGANBAYAN

YEAR	Terminated after trial	Disposed cases resulting in conviction	Percent convicted
2001	265	42	16
2002	283	87	31
2003	310	39	13
2004	195	45	23
2005	140	46	33

In 2005, 33% of cases decided in the Sandiganbayan were won by the Ombudsman. Only 16% were won in 2001. This reflects gains in the war against corruption.

Magtulungan tayo. Kaunlaran muna.



Philosophical Information Agency

Nepa parties call for demo at king's doorstep

KATHMANDU—NEPALI RAJPA (royal) government imposed a curfew on the streets of Kathmandu after the royal government called for a demonstration to protest the king's decision to dissolve the parliament.

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Meanwhile, the 21st National Assembly of the parliament and some staff to leave the country.

because of security concerns.

The curfew is a nationwide curfew aimed at preventing any demonstration against the king's decision to dissolve the parliament.

Leaders from a seven-party coalition will address a rally at seven points on the 27-kilometer royal road around the capital, according to reports, as some opposition leaders intend to take the protest to the royal palace.

The democratic republic has been in a state of emergency since the king's decision to dissolve the parliament.

northern outskirts of the city last Monday.

"We will organize a big protest on the day after tomorrow and I hope 100,000 people to come on to the streets to make it a success," said the high-ranking member of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) in Kathmandu, according to reports.

The protest will take place at 1,000 meters, near the royal palace and the royal road. The protest will take place at 1,000 meters, near the royal palace and the royal road.

King Gyanendra, in a bid to quell the growing unrest, on Monday issued a new order to arrest 100,000 people by 11 a.m. April 21 p.m., state television said, asking anyone who violated the order could be shot on sight.

Official news headquarters reported the arrest warranting people to stay at their homes.

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US Senate to reignite debate on immigration

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World Bank backs \$37-B debt relief to 17 poor nations

WASHINGTON—WORLD BANK MEMBERS have given formal backing to the cancellation of \$37 billion in debt owed by 17 poor countries—most of them in Africa—on Monday.

The endorsement came with a warning to beneficiary countries to avoid rising up on the issue.

Washington, D.C., President of the World Bank, James D. Wolfensohn, said the decision was a landmark.

They are additional news of the importance of debt sustainability as a key condition for the World Bank's commitment of development resources.

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Cloned dog marks first birthday

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WORLD BRIEFS

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Sen. Hatch said he would support the bill, but he would not support the bill.

The World

Editor: Lawrence S. Quizon

Tape mocks US failure to get Bin Laden

WASHINGTON—THE WHITE HOUSE SAID SUNDAY that al Qaeda leaders were "on the run" as the emergence of a new tape from Osama bin Laden served as a veiling reminder of the US failure to track down the terror mastermind.

"The al Qaeda leadership is on the run and under a lot of pressure. We are continuing to make the fight to the enemy abroad, and making it difficult for them to join us here against America," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters, adding that the US intelligence com-

munity believes the tape is authentic. Another top US official also claimed that the intelligence warning by Osama bin Laden about his Al Qaeda on Friday should not be taken lightly.

"I believe we need to take him seriously," US homeland security Sec-

retary Michael Reid said in an interview with CNN, adding that bin Laden was trying to "dominate with the tape that 'he's still active'."

"He wants to get attention in the situation. He wants to get attention," Michael said.

The al Qaeda chief called on his followers to go to Sudan to wage war against "American demons" and stressed the international Islamic of bin Laden had Muslim government as proof of a "war by Muslims and Christians against Islam."

It was not clear when the tape was made, but if it proves pre-

sident after 9/11, Osama bin Laden is still at large, the subject of the largest manhunt in history, and he hasn't been able to find him," said National Security Council spokesman James Thompson.

Republican Sen. Arlen Specter also expressed frustration that so little apparent progress had been made in tracking down bin Laden.

"Frankly, I'm very disappointed that we haven't brought him to justice and I think it has to be a top priority," he said, pointing out, Specter added, is "a top priority to get him back."

Democratic Sen. John Kerry

said that bin Laden continuing to be at large "is one of the reasons that U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should resign."

Kerry, who sat against President George W. Bush in the 2000 presidential election, criticized the Bush administration for failing to capture bin Laden as "the best in Afghanistan in late 2001."

The leader is believed to have moved again by US and Afghan forces during the battle at Tora Bora and to be now hiding in Pakistan despite Bush's call for him to be extradited. "I don't see it," AFP



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BIN LADEN's Al-Qaeda is ordered photos.

Director trod softy in filming Flight 93's story

By Jeff Grogan

NEW YORK—IN MAKING THE MOVIE "United 93," Paul Greengrass had to balance not only the bloody gruesomeness of a terrorist hijacking, but also the sensitive politics of terrorism.

As the on-screen behavior of passengers and crew members who boarded the four hijacked on the plane that crashed in a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001, became public, some families gave feedback that their loved ones who made phone calls from the plane—bald former, Mark Riegman, but his name and name of the plane—were not shown on the screen of the movie. They often showed some of the details.

It's not that other victim families disagreed or accused the value of those men, but the families realized early attempts by passengers to better only their lives. There was concern that Greengrass showed United 93 as a movie that was not a kind of Olympic sport, where some passengers received a gold medal for gallantry while others had to wait for their lives.

"United 93" has its premiere on Tuesday at the Tribeca Film Festival and opens in the area outside of 9/11. Most of the film of the families of the victims, have seen the film at screenings in Newark, N.J., and suburbs of San Francisco, the airport and the destination cities for the flight, and a special screening for United, the studio releasing the film. On an request and seen near 9/11, some say they can't leave it to the past.

Greengrass, who wrote and directed the movie, contacted the families of the victims, some actors in the film also met with family members.

In fact, no one can know precisely who did what during the劫持 that prevented the hijackers from reaching their presumed target in Washington. None of the 23 passengers and crew members survived when the plane crashed into a spring field outside Shanksville, Pa.

But everyone could change the cockpit along the course of a 737 jetliner, family members learned. But they believe strongly that everyone did what he could in the face of horrific loss and certain death—counseling, encouraging, planning, praying.

In this widely held view, everyone should be remembered equal in a collective act of bold resistance.

It was family members expressed disappointment with the results of television movies made previously about Flight 93, feeling that the lives of some lesser-known passengers and crew members were diminished or ignored.

Greengrass wanted to understand the delivery of this movie equally when he made the film and succeeded in depicting a group-independent delivery, rather than other passengers and crew members.

"I think they were not all of them were heroic, but it was 40 heroic individuals who banded together to offer change in a heroic situation," said Gordon Hill, whose brother, Edward, was a passenger.

Nadal rips Federer anew, keeps title

MONTE CARLO—GOVING SE-
quence Rafael Nadal has improved
his long-standing, intense grip
on the world of professional tennis and
his French Open crown.

Nadal, crowned his Monte-Carlo
championship here on Sunday
with a 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6
(7/5) victory over Roger Federer,
his fourth win over the world
number one in five meetings.

It was also his 32nd consecutive
win on clay and the seventh left-
handed one against third on the
all-time list behind Guillermo M.
to (10) and Björn Borg (10).

"The record of Borg and Vilas? I
have thought about it," said Nadal.
Federer's record here is three
wins, 40 victories against Federer's
second defense this season, both as
the head of the tennis specialist
who also was the world number
one in last month's Indianapolis.

"It was a very uncomfortable day
for me," said Nadal. "This special
to begin the clay season like this."

Reigning champion Nadal is the first to even
open a set, "It's great."

The reigning French Open
champion, the world number two,
also defended his second title
in the French Open semi-final last
week. His win is decisive and with
an unimpaired 76 percent cor-
rectly—Federer retained the lead
with 100 percent.

"I have to adjust a bit to play
open time," said the top seed, who
won 15 sets in 10 matches in 2003.
Federer's record of the last
meeting against the 19-year-old,
19-year-old, winner of eight clay titles
in 2003.

"The last three losses in a row
against him—all of them I wish I
would have won them," explained
Nadal. "But they don't break
down my will to win."

"I was more about not losing
in the Grand Slam and to be
about him than 2,000 points in
the rankings. That's what I care
about."



Nadal, Nadal with
after winning against
Roger Federer.

Suns shine; Pacers win in playoffs

WEST BETHESDA, MD. JER-
sey—After two years, Anthony
Johnson made two free throws
with 8.5 seconds left, and the In-
diana Pacers beat New Jersey 90-
88 to take Game 3 of the NBA
Eastern Conference first-round
playoff series.

Johnson's 11th of his 15 points in the fourth quarter
for the sixth seed, Pacers, who
became the first road team to win
a game in the playoffs.

Stephen Jackson scored 18
points and Steve Nash scored
15 for the Pacers, who
beat New Jersey 90-88.
Nash's 10th of his 15 points in the
game.

Game 1 had 1 point and 11
seconds left, but after 12 of 22
shots, the Pacers won only 2 of 11
for the first point in the series, the
first in the playoffs.

Suns 107, Lakers 102

At Phoenix, the Suns beat the
Lakers 107-102 in the first round
of the playoffs. The Suns' victory
was a surprise to many fans.
Steve Nash had 18 points, in-

cluding a crucial 5-point run
in the fourth quarter.

Game 2 had 1 point and 11
seconds left, but after 12 of 22
shots, the Pacers won only 2 of 11
for the first point in the series, the
first in the playoffs.

Pacers 92, Bucks 74

At Madison Square Garden, the
Pacers beat the Bucks 92-74 in the
first round of the playoffs. The
Pacers' victory was a surprise to
many fans.

The top seed Pacers were not
impressed with the Bucks' defense
in the first quarter with four
shots in double figures, and
were so much in the other end
that Milwaukee didn't have one.

Miami 103, Grizzlies 93

At Dallas, the Grizzlies beat
the Miami Heat 103-93 in the
first round of the playoffs. The
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YIM YUNG-ANG

Yim prevails as Sorenstam falters

ROCKFORD, ILL.—South Korean, Yim Yung-Ang, won the
LPGA's first major, the U.S. Women's
Open, on Sunday at the historic
Rockford Country Club. Yim's
victory was a surprise to many fans.

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beginning with an 8-10 in the first
round, and a 14-15 in the second round.
Sorenstam, who won last year's
U.S. Open, was in the lead after
the first round, but she faltered in
the second round, finishing with a
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Jr qualifying slated today

ATLANTA—The 2004 U.S. Open
will play last week that pushed him ahead of
the biggest names in the boys' class. It held as
the qualifying tournament for the U.S. Open
Junior World Championships, the U.S. Open
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Tiger takes 440-ft leap

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rankings. He is now the number one
player in the world.

The jump is the result of a series of
wins in the U.S. Open and the
PGA Tour.

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GMA extends SPV law by 2 years

Buyers of banks' soured assets to get tax perks

By Elizabeth S. Sanchez

PRESIDENT MACARAIGAL-ARROYO YESTERDAY signed into law a measure extending tax breaks for buyers of banks' soured assets for another two years, a move which officials hope will spur more sales of bad loans.

Mac Arroyo signed the law amending the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Act as the Philippine Stock Exchange said, down from lawmakers, government officials and bank executives before signing the opening bill to ease the day's trading.

The change, which the Philippine law said it reported commercial banks to sell more than P200 billion worth of bad loans over the next two years.

Under the amended law, the deadline for the transfer of assets management to non-bank

did in tax breaks will be 18 months from when it takes effect, which is expected shortly. The original deadline was Sept. 30, 2004.

The original law, which expired in April 2005, exempted buyers of banks' assets from paying certain transaction-related and withholding taxes. It also exempted certain transfer and land registration fees. These included the documentary stamp tax, capital gains tax and 6% registered value-added tax.

The previous SPV law allowed banks to clear up about P95 billion in bad assets before it expired April last year.

Officials have said that if all covered assets were included, the bad loans ratio of Philippine banks should fall from around 6.5 percent of total loans to 4.5 percent, although that would still be higher than the 4 percent

FOREIGN CURRENCIES



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MEGA WORLD Chairman Andrew Tan (center) and President Macaraigal-Arroyo (left) at the opening ceremony of the Philippine Stock Exchange. Macaraigal-Arroyo is flanked by other officials. Macaraigal-Arroyo is flanked by other officials. Macaraigal-Arroyo is flanked by other officials.

10-YEAR EXPANSION PLAN

Megaworld allots P47B for new projects

PROPERTY DEVELOPER MEGA world Corp. said it will spend roughly P47 billion over the next 10 to 15 years, mostly to build office spaces, according to the expanding real estate industry, Megaworld chair and president Andrew Tan said yesterday.

Following the company's creation and listing of additional shares at the Philippine Stock Exchange in April, Manila (20) Tan said that over the next five years, Megaworld will build 400,000 square meters of business process outsourcing (BPO) ready offices, good for 175,000 call center

workers on its flagship project at Eastwood City in Quezon, and McKinley Hill in Pasig, and McKinley Hill in Pasig.

Of the P47 billion, more P30 billion will be spent on these BPO-related offices and retail properties in regional areas.

Tan said 95 percent of the proceeds from its recent public offer of primary and secondary shares would be used to build the BPO office spaces, which will position the company as a leading player in BPO office development and the residential construction

market.

"We will take Megaworld to the next level and further industrialize real estate," he said during his speech at Megaworld's listing event at the Manila stock exchange.

Megaworld had a total of P5.4 billion for itself and selling shareholders 1.5 investment fund, Colony Capital (20), from a public offer of 2.5 billion primary and secondary shares at P1.34 each. It was the first property company to enter in the capital market for funds since the

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

91-day T-bill rate up slightly to 4.62%

By Michele V. Ibanez

THE 91-DAY T-BILL TREASURY BILL was pushed up slightly to 4.62 percent yesterday after reaching a four-year low last week as investors chase its bid for securities that give them better yields.

The new rate for the 91-day bill was 2.54 percent higher than the 4.6 percent record set last week's auction.

The three-month government securities were at 4.62 percent last week, with investors pushing the 91-day bill to 4.62 percent, but the amount of bids for

STOCK MARKET



See stock performance on page B2

Stocks down on profit-taking

MAJOR INDEXES DROPPED ON PROFIT-TAKING after yesterday's closing, which marked a record of profit-taking after the market hit new seven-year highs, investors said.

They said the correction was driven by investors' profit-taking and the PSEI fell to 10,000 points after a record high of 10,000 points. The PSEI closed at 9,999.99 points, down 100 points from its previous high of 10,100 points.

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Alan Matthews



A screaming bear, gold is at a 23-year high, but copper, zinc, platinum, cobalt, rhodium and silver are mostly at all-time highs, clanking nervously on the charts. Industry has been... (text continues)

Over the long term, I am more bullish because China's rise is the fastest growth... (text continues)

Notwithstanding, all metals prices are... (text continues)

Non-producing mining firms went up... (text continues)

It has been suggested that MA has a potential...

lated by the previous session and it is reasonable that this little surge that was... (text continues)

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Table with multiple columns: Date, Location, Bid, Offer, Lot, etc. It lists various mineral rights and transactions.

Ayala expanding Cebu ventures

Philex posts 377% increase in income

By Christine A. Griffin

PHILEX MINING CORP. SAYS ITS CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME FOR 2005... (text continues)

Philex said it is a dividend to the Philippines... (text continues)

The high metal prices in the world market... (text continues)

Philex Mining Corp. president and Chief Executive Officer... (text continues)

"We feel we can sustain the group... (text continues)

Analysts estimated Philex' average gold selling price at \$400 an ounce last year... (text continues)

Philex produces copper, gold and silver, and gold bullion from its copper-gold mine... (text continues)

Philex's gold bullion goes to the London-based... (text continues)

Brown, however, said if metal prices would remain high, the Indian mine... (text continues)

P2B set aside for more commercial space, residential development

By Ronald W. Domingo

THE AYALA GROUP IS SHEDDING ITS... (text continues)

Francis U. Manosa, chief operating officer of Ayala Land Inc.'s Property and Maintenance group... (text continues)

Manosa said in Manila, City proximity to represent the Cebu Chapter of Commerce and Industry... (text continues)

The official said phase 2 of Ayana, which would be built later this year, would cover an area of 10 hectares... (text continues)

"We have allocated an area of 10 hectares to the development park," he said... (text continues)

The official said that Phase 2b is intended to follow that year's "Solidarity" launch of the first of three phases... (text continues)

"Phase 1, which has 112 lots, was sold out within two weeks after its launch in late 2005," Manosa said... (text continues)

rooms PL1000 and PL1800 per square meter... (text continues)

Also, he said the Ayala group was adding 11,000 square meters of commercial space in its Ayala Center in a part of P2B... (text continues)

"There is a big demand for retail space in Cebu," Manosa said... (text continues)

Ayala's development projects in the island include the 50-hectare Cebu Business Park... (text continues)

Registered with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Ayala Freeport Zone... (text continues)

"We are entering more often in promoting our products to other countries... (text continues)

Manosa said the Ayala group had to be in the market about 10 years before the Cebu Hillsides, where it has a 47 percent share... (text continues)

Total holding off additional investments in LPG business

By Miguel Llo

WILL KEEP ON HOLDING UP ITS... (text continues)

Philex is a holding company, said Philex President... (text continues)

In a holding company, said managing director Alan Matthews... (text continues)

"There is an issue on some groups using oil cylinders... (text continues)

She said the oil-free warehouse working with industry group... (text continues)

man's efforts to eliminate such illegal activities in the sector... (text continues)

The group is looking to form a multi-agency team... (text continues)

It will also develop down-the-line illegal practices such as tampering, diluting or modifying... (text continues)

According to data from the Department of Energy... (text continues)

Without stating an exact amount, Whitehouse said... (text continues)

Calories may play hide-and-seek

Well and Good

Dina Jovisi



But I have found the same statement to be particularly true: It is a misperception that heart-healthy oils like olive or olive oil are the best for cooking. It is in fact the hydrogenated cooking oil. It is also in fact the same amount of calories—about 120 per tablespoon.

Cholesterol-free

"Cholesterol-free" does not mean no calories or very few calories. It simply means the food contains no cholesterol. Whether the food is a fat-free or low-fat product, it has the same number of calories as the full-fat version.

Healthy but hefty

Keep in mind, healthy, overly large portions of food will definitely hinder your weight loss progress because you're eating more than you need. I eat 50 pounds with my second baby. I am eating healthy food but enough to feed a small army.

Some people make good nutritional choices but they just go a little wild on the weekends and eat of sweets. If you want to lose weight, remember it's not just what you eat but also how much you eat that is important.

120 calories a slice. Either way, it was a lot of calories. And it did not include calories from the protein or potassium that accompanied the fat.

Salads

Many believe that in the name of healthy eating, it's a no-brainer to eat a salad. But a salad can be as unhealthy as a burger. If the salad is made with the drippings of meat, pork or chicken, you can be sure there are unnecessary calories with every tablespoon you take out of the bowl.

Some people make good nutritional choices but they just go a little wild on the weekends and eat of sweets. If you want to lose weight, remember it's not just what you eat but also how much you eat that is important.

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If you have been consistently and severely overeating, you may not be able to lose weight. This is because your body is in a state of metabolic adaptation. Your body is trying to protect itself from starvation by slowing down your metabolism. This is why you may not be losing weight even though you are eating less and exercising more.

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EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

Straight arm shoulder extension with rubberband

FORMS AND TIGHTENS muscles in the back of the shoulders (over deltoids) and at the sides of the upper back (trapezius dorsalis)

Equipment: Exercise mat and rubber band. **Form:** Lie down on the mat with knees bent, feet flat and rubber band hooked around the arches of your feet. **Steps:** 1. Keep your straight arms under your shoulders with your hands touching. 2. Pull the rubber band backward and upward by bringing your shoulders together. 3. Hold for 10 seconds. 4. Repeat 10 times.

Performance tips:

1. Initiate the movement by squeezing your shoulder blades together rather than pulling them apart. 2. Keep your arms straight and under your shoulders. 3. Pull the rubber band backward and upward by bringing your shoulders together. 4. Hold for 10 seconds. 5. Repeat 10 times.

Benefits:

1. Improves posture. 2. Strengthens the muscles of the back and shoulders. 3. Improves circulation. 4. Reduces stress. 5. Improves flexibility.



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